# GERMANS WRECK SHIPS IN NEW YORK

Loss Will Approximate \$30,-000,000 in Sabotage Without Parallel in History.

DESTRUCTION IS SIGNALED

Twenty-nine Vessels Affected. Captains Got Advance News From Capital.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.-Engines in every German and Austrian ship im- the Himilaia, at Newark prisoned in New York harbor by the British navy have been deliberately wrecked. Officers of German blood who know the truth estimate that \$30,000,000 worth of irreplaceable marine machinery was smashed or made useless in the few hours before Count von Bernstorff delivered to the Government of the United States the de

fant message from Germany.

Sabotage on a scale so magnificient is without parallel in history. Without the slightest hesitation, and on the mere hint from high officials whose hints are never slighted, the persons in authority delivered to ax and crowbar the finest products of the metals. and crowbar the finest products of the marine machine shops of Hamburg and Bremen. There was no questioning or rejuctance. The ruin was ordered as a duty to be endured for the good of the fatherland.

(Continued from First Page.)

Patriotism Motive.

The German conception of patriotism was the impelling motive for the frightful destructiveness that obtained in the engine room caverns while members of the United State. while members of the United States neutrality squad and policemen pa-trolled the piers of Hoboken and Man-

hattan, as unaware of what was go-ing on as if they had been in Alaska. The German powers that be glanc-ed far ahead of the hour when a state of war may be declared to exist oc-tween the central powers and the United States, perceived the probability, or at least possibility, that their merchant fleet here would be used to carry food and supplies to England, their most hated enemy, and promptly did their best to make the big ships no better than bulks. The work of destruction was signaled and executed secretly, smoothly and effectively.

At this juncture Congressman James the President with respect to Germany. The President with respect to Germany.

What! De you meas to say that if a friend comes to my house I can't don't use it myself, but i would certainly like to know if I am to be prohibited from giving a drink to a friend."

Congressman Barkley again fell the President with respect to Germany.

news that thrilled the nation, Ger-man hipping interests here were aware of the purport of what Von Bernstorff was to hand to the Secre- begun to analyze the bill section by tary of State and were under no il- section when the bour of adjourntary of State and were under no illusions as to probable consequences,
in apprehension of just such a situa...on—of a time when the engines
had to be put out of commission it
opportunity was not to be surrendere, permanently—a code had been
arranged. Ht was impossible to use
the telephone. The persons with

section when the bour of adjournment arrived.

"Our side is willing to conclude
the presentation of its case tomorrow," said Mr. Barkley. "This bill
is well understood, and there is no
necessity, we believe, for extended
hearings."

When it was suggested that the the telephone. The persons with the right to give orders were aware that the telephones to the steamships are under espionage. Wireless plants of course had been sealed or dismantled long before. It was necessary to convey the order directly in the property of two or three days or so. This is a very important matter, and citiana by voice.

Secret Agents Gave the Word. Last Wednesday therefore a Ger-

man in street clothes stepped quietly aboard every Hamburg-American and chatted with officers a few minutes quite openly on deck, went below for a half litre of beer, drank to the health of the Kalser and as quietly reappeared on deck and went ashore. There was no one to question the movements of any one of these inconspicuous agents, since any persons, German or otherwise, who could get by the pier guards have been at libbart to visit the idle ships. In fact, westers on the floor. erty to visit the idle ships. In fact.
goings and comings had attracted no
Congressman Cary notice at all up to the present crisis, the Hillard motion and the proposed amendment thereto. The Cary motion social centers. Banquets, private dinner parties, dances, kaffe klatches, Ayes—Hamil, Lobeck, Burke, Dooland amusing entertainments have been held aboard many of them. Customs guards and police hadn't the slightest reason to scent the average of the average of the control of

five ships tied up off 135th street in the North river, the ships at South Miss Anna Gordon, national president Brooklyn were the messengers of de of the Women's Christian Temper-

easily removable parts of the engines had bene chalked with cryptic signs signs comprehensible only to the engineers' asistants. When the order came row morning following an executive to act the engine crews were put to session of the committee, which was to act the engine crews were put to work removing such parts as could be unscrewed, unboited or readily disconnected.

For a day or two, or until it be-came apparent that the United States authorities might demand and enforce the extralegal right of boarding the vessels and thoroughly inspecting them, the removed parts were hidden, some of them in strange places. In one vessel at Hoboken brass fit-

although the furnace next to it was in use. In some of the ships packages were concealed under rubbish
in the lower holds. Very recently,
however, these vital fittings have
been disposed of—sent ashore a piece
or two at a time or sunk in the harhor.

These

Axes and Crowbars Used. But the dismantling did not stop with harmless removals. The comviction on the part of the persons responsible for the destruction that war is coming and that war mean, the use of the German ships here to help feed the English was so strong that it induced them to ply crowbu:

Sections of delicate machinery were hammered into shapel masses, converted by blows fr lusty arms into mere junk worth shapeless much a pound as metal. By night-fall of Wednesday the work was practically completed, but what there

remained to do was finished the next

day or on the second day.

When the Federal officials eventu-When the Federal officials eventu-ally descend into the engine room of the big Vaterland and her fleet com-panions over in Hoboken and into the depths of the Hamburg and Prins Eitel Friedrich off 135th street, Manhattan, they will be amazed at the ex-tent of the ruin.

The ships listed to the Sun last

night as having been rendered useless through the voluntary destruction of machinery are the Vaterland of 54.284 tons, the biggest ship on top of water today; the President Grant and Presi-dent Lincoln, each of 18,000 tons; the George Washington, of 25,000 tons; the fast Kalser Wilhelm II, of 19,000 tons; the Pennsylvania and Grosser 135th street; the Portonia, Maia, Cla Mennig, and Andra, off Stapleton; the Dora and Ida, at South Brooklyn; the Martha Washington, off Stapleton, and

# WETS WIN IN FIRST DRY BILL SKIRMISH

Sessions.

Would Prohibit Friendly Drinking.

Congressman Barkley said he was inclined to believe a strict interpretation of the bill would prohibit such friendly drinking, but this was a matter ultimately for decision by the courts.

The row in executive session continued until 1 o'clock, when the Sentenued until 1 o'clock

Congressman Barkley again fell Had News in Advance.

Long before the telegraph flushed from Washington on January 31 the of interesting the struction of the language of the Sheppard bill prohibiting "giving away"

Adjournment Interrupted.

Congressman Barkley had barely

When it was suggested that the

"What if the hearings do continue for two or three days or so. This is a very important matter, and citizens of the District certainly have a

right to be heard. Motion Met Opposition

Congressman Hilliard's motion to North German Lloyd liner in the port, dispense with the regular adjournment hour and sit while the House is in session met immediate opposition. Congressman Burke moved to amend by stipulating that so long as the army and navy appropriation bills

Congressman Cary moved to table

Nays—Crosser, Vinson, Hilliard, Mapes, Wheeler, Oakey, and Johnson. Present—Lloyd, paired with Tink-ham.

These quietly moving visitors that boarded the ships at Hoboken, the

In the committee room today were struction, each bearing a code werd ance Union; Mrs. Margaret Dyn Lilis, that meant scrapping \$30,000,000 national superintendent of the legismorth of splendid engines. Smashing Began at Once.

They had scarcely left the ships when the smashing sommenced. The Sun has information from men of unquestionable veracity and honor as to the extent of the dismanteling and as to the general methods employed.

For months the esential, vital, or the state of the Cart of the Anti-Saloon League; the Rev. John Mac Murray, of the Pastors Federation; William F. Gude, Charles J. Columbus, the cart of the For months the esential, vital, or Henry E. Davis, and H. Clay Stewart, asily removable parts of the engines of the District of Columbia Referendum Association

The hearing will be resumed tomorcalled for 10 o'clock.

#### EGG PRICES UP AGAIN

Cold Weather Sends Price to Figure of Two Weeks Ago.

Eggs are again intrenched behind the prices that prevailed two weeks tings were bundled up and hidden in a boiler furnace, one that was idle, a dozen wholesale today.

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as long as cold weather continues, deniers stated.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION** ON GRAYSON JUMP

Senator Poindexter Calls Promotion Insidious Attack on Navy Personnel.

Denouncing the appointment of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, aide to the Presi-Kurfurst, of 13,000 tons; the Nassovia, dent, to be medical director and rear Armenia, Bohemia, Pisa, Harburg, admiral, as "an insidious attack on Magdeburg, Adamsturm, Friedrich der the personnel of the navy," Senator Grosse, Prinzess Irene and Barbarossa. Poindexter of Washington stirred up all at Hoboken; the Hamburg, Koenig Poindexter of Washington stirred up Wilhelm II, Allemania, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, and Prince Joachim, off appointment.

Senator Poindexter said the chief reason for the promotion, he at first thought, was because Dr. Grayson was a Virginian, but on looking into the facts, he found there were eighteen Virginians who were his seniors as naval medical officers.

Asks Executive Session Senator Poindexter was proceeding

to urge the resolution for consideration of the promotion in open session. Senator Pittman moved an 'ex ecutive session. Senator La Follette House District Committee Votes
Not to Lengthen Daily
Sessions.

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Sessions.

Senator Pointers

supported Senator Pointers

A warm wrangle followed and
finally Vice President Marshall said
he would enforce the rules and declare an executive session. An executive session was ordered

a long fight on Dr. Grayson's promotion was ahead and some of them predicted no vote would be permit-ted this session.

At this juncture Congressman James the President with respect to Ger

The February meeting of the Chevy

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— By Her Devoted Friend Vera.

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